

Site Security and Access to Physical Evidence related to the Deepwater Horizon Investigation on Michoud Assembly Facility

The Joint Investigation Team (JIT) has made provisions for certain parties and agencies to have access to the testing and viewing of evidence at the Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF) to facilitate the investigation. The primary point of contact for site access is Captain Englebert at Suzanne.E.Englebert@uscg.mil or 202 604-1230. This Protocol outlines the security restrictions, information requirements, and access limitations associated with the physical evidence related to the Deepwater Horizon Investigation.

Forensic Test Schedule: A weekly schedule of planned test activities will be posted on a designated HOMEPOR site each Wednesday starting 11/3/2010. This schedule will likely change as testing proceeds throughout the week, but it will serve to highlight intended functions as accurately as possible to assist with the interested parties' own planning. Parties in Interest and others designated by the JIT will be provided access to this HOMEPOR site. Testing activity will normally occur between 7:30am and 6:00pm Monday through Friday.

Access Requests: All requests for access to DWH evidence and the test site must be submitted at least **5 working days** prior to a visit. If you do not have a TWIC, CAC, PIV 2, or MAF-issued Visitor identification, you must provide information including citizenship, specific reason for entry, affiliation, Driver's license information, and length of time anticipated for the visit. Foreign Nationals without permanent working VISAs (Green Cards) must submit additional information at least **60 days** prior to access request. Requests can be made via email to Captain Englebert or through the HOMEPOR site, but the **5 working day** rule will apply. MAF has final approval of all applicants and will screen each individual application for entry.

Site Security Requirements: You must go through two gates (the Main Gate and a Site Gate) to access either of the two locations on MAF with evidence from the Deepwater Horizon.

- a. **Access through the Main Gate:** The Main Gate to the MAF is controlled by individual identification. Each person entering MAF must possess a valid access badge (TWIC, CAC, PIV 2, MAF Authorized Visitor, etc) or government credentials. Access badges must be worn unobstructed, on the exterior portion of clothing, above the waist. For those requiring MAF-issued access badges, the USCG will submit a request to MAF for the appropriate period of time (e.g. day, week, 30 days) based on the information provided and the USCG's determination of appropriate access needed for the request. While on MAF all personnel and vehicles are subject to search and seizure.
- b. **Accessing BOP Stack Forensic Testing:** The BOP Forensic Test Site, as discussed in the approved Forensic Test plan dated October 22, 2010 page 11 and 12, also has access control separate from the Main Gate control.
 - Level 1 access is confined to an area outside the Forensic Test Site area. No special request is needed for this area, but parking restrictions and general MAF requirements will apply.

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- Level 2 access and personnel will be escorted by an authorized escort. A daily access list will be approved by Captain Englebert and provided to MAF Protective Services. MAF Protective Services personnel will enforce the access list. Level 2 requests will be screened and approved based on the number of authorized escorts available for the day, typically no more than 10 individuals per day. Individuals with Level 2 access will be allowed into the specified Level 2 area of the Forensic Test Site to witness the activities being carried out that day. They will not, however, be provided direct access to the personnel carrying out the planned tests or forensic examinations.
- Level 3 access personnel will be pre-designated to be on the Technical Working Group or members as listed in section 5.4 of the approved Forensic Test plan. All personnel names will be on the daily access list as discussed in Level 2. The DNV-designated site manager will monitor all personnel with Level 3 access at all times.

All bags or gear entering the BOP Stack Forensic Test Site are subject to search, all activity will be monitored, and all safety requirements shall be followed. Photography will not be allowed. Failure to follow these requirements will lead to access privileges being terminated and possible removal from the Site.

- c. Viewing DWH evidence: The Evidence Storage Site that contains various elements recovered from the incident has access control separate from the Main Gate control. All personnel will be escorted by an authorized escort while in the Evidence Storage Site. Requests will be screened and approved based on the number of authorized escorts available for the day.

Parking restrictions: For the BOP Stack Forensic test site, all Level 1 and 2 personnel will park at the back of the USCG Base main parking lot. It is a short walk up the road to the BOP Stack Forensic Test Site. For the Evidence Storage Site, the authorized escort will indicate parking which is usually available adjacent to the Site.

Directions to MAF: For those familiar with New Orleans, it takes approximately 25 minutes to drive East on I-10, to South 510 (Exit 246A), then to Exit 2C and left onto Old Gentilly road. Building 350 (check in for MAF-issued Access badges) is at 13800 Old Gentilly road. More information can be found at: <http://maf.msfc.nasa.gov/>

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General Overview of MAF:



General View of BOP Stack Forensic Test Site:

